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Washington, DC 20240

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Via email: [csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org](mailto:csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org)

Chris Saeger  
Executive Director  
Western Values Project

Dear Mr. Saeger:

On May 4, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) seeking the following:

I request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent between the following Department of the Interior officials and the following non-governmental individuals and entities, since June 1, 2017:

**Department of the Interior Officials**

- Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt
- Russell Newell
- Gareth Rees
- Leila Getto
- Catherine Gulac

**Non-Governmental Individuals & Entities**

- Brownstein Hyatt attorney Ryan Smith (including, but not limited to all communication with his Brownstein Hyatt email address, [rsmith@bhfs.com](mailto:rsmith@bhfs.com))
- Cadiz Inc. (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [in@cadizinc.com](mailto:in@cadizinc.com))
- Limoneira Co (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [in@limoneira.com](mailto:in@limoneira.com))
- MGM Res01is International (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [in@mgnationalharbor.com](mailto:in@mgnationalharbor.com); [@mgmspringfield.com](mailto:@mgmspringfield.com); or [@mgmres01is.com](mailto:@mgmres01is.com))
- NexCore Group (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [in@nexcoregroup.com](mailto:in@nexcoregroup.com))
- Rosemont Copper Co (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [@rosemontcopper.com](mailto:@rosemontcopper.com) or [@hudbayminerals.com](mailto:@hudbayminerals.com))
- Westlands Water District (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [@westlandswater.org](mailto:@westlandswater.org))
- Central Arizona Water Conservation District (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending [@Cap-az.com](mailto:@Cap-az.com))

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- Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending in @creda.cc)
- Blackfeet Tribe Navajo Nation including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending in @blackfeetnation.com)
- Lytton Band of Pomo Indians (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending in @homelandforlytton.com)
- Forest County Potawatomi Community (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending in @fcpotawatomi-nsn.gov)
- White Mountain Apache Tribe (including, but not limited to, all communication with email addresses ending in @email.wmat.us or @wmat.us)
- Town of Tusayan, AZ (including, but not limited to, all communication with of the following email addresses:  
[mayorsanderson@gmail.com](mailto:mayorsanderson@gmail.com)[comtusayan.rwirth@gmail.com](mailto:comtusayan.rwirth@gmail.com);  
[citizenchavez@gmail.com](mailto:citizenchavez@gmail.com)[comalmtusayan@hotmail.com](mailto:comalmtusayan@hotmail.com);  
[schoppmannjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:schoppmannjohn@yahoo.com) [tusayantownmanager@gmail.com](mailto:tusayantownmanager@gmail.com); or  
[tusayanclerk@gmail.com](mailto:tusayanclerk@gmail.com))

Your request was received in the Office of the Secretary FOIA office on May 4, 2018, and assigned control number **OS-2018-01122**. We are writing today to respond to your request on behalf of the Department of the Interior. Please find attached one (1) file consisting of 399 pages. Of those 399 pages, 270 pages are being released in full and 129 pages contain redactions as described below.

**Portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5)) under the following privileges:**

**Confidential Commercial Information**

**Portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) because they fit certain categories of information:**

**Non-public phone numbers  
Personal information**

Maria Lurie, Attorney-Advisor, in the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision. Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this decision.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer